

REGULAR GENESEO TOWN BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, April 11th, 2013 in the conference room of the Geneseo Town Office Facility.

TOWN PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor
Richard Taylor, Councilman
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Katie DiLaura, Secretary to the Supervisor
Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent
David Woods, Planning Board Member
Colton Herring, Boy Scout Troop #70
Joan Herring
Spencer Herring, Boy Scout Troop #70
Grainger Flint, Boy Scout Troop #70
Cole Flint, Boy Scout Troop #70
Ellen Macy-Flint
Robert Thayer
Al Dietrich, Conesus Lake Association

ARRIVED LATE: Jim Coniglio, Underberg & Kessler

ABSENT: Felicisimo Manapol, Councilman

MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES & VOUCHERS:

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The allegiance to the flag was pledged and a moment of silence was held for the service men and women serving our country around the world.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of March 14th, 2013. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 14th, as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

The Board reviewed abstract #4 of 2013. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve payment for vouchers # 1227 through #1302 on abstract #4 in the following amounts:

General A vouchers	\$38,724.31
General B vouchers	\$5,093.45
Highway DA vouchers	\$47,782.55
Highway DB vouchers	\$8,879.47
Special Light District vouchers	\$304.63
Sewer District vouchers	\$199.69
Water O&M SW0 vouchers	\$10,097.21
Water District #4 SW4 vouchers	\$14,311.00
Water District #5 SW5 vouchers	\$7,016.00

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and totaling \$132,408.31. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

SAFE ACT:

Supervisor Wadsworth handed out the latest updates to the SAFE Act to the Board. Councilwoman Irwin asked if other Towns in the county were moving slowly on this. Supervisor Wadsworth said that yes, they were; our surrounding Towns were taking their time to review and alter the SAFE Act. Councilman Wrubel corrected a spelling error, adding an “e” to the word “infringe” in paragraph two and also capitalizing the “T” in the word “This”, also in paragraph two. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to approve the corrections and alterations of the SAFE Act and to adopt the Act as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

ASSESSOR POSITION UPDATE:

Supervisor Wadsworth explained to the Board the options for the future of the Town of Geneseo’s Assessor position. Current Assessor, Carol LaVigne, is retiring in fall 2013, and the Town needs to make a decision about the future position. The options are to either hire someone to replace Ms. LaVigne—continue to do assessments for the Town of Geneseo (and perhaps share the responsibility with another neighboring town) and work out of the Town offices—or to contract the work out to someone within the County, working along with other towns for their assessments as well. Supervisor Wadsworth mentioned that the cost would be approximately the same whichever option they choose—there would not be a large savings with contracting the work out to the County. Supervisor Wadsworth also mentioned that the County had not shown a great deal of enthusiasm about this new idea of sharing one Assessor for several towns, but that they would be willing to work with the Town of Geneseo if we pursued the issue. Supervisor Wadsworth said that if we do hire someone after Ms. LaVigne retires, we would look to hire one Assessor, instead of an Assessor plus a Clerk. After discussing the issue, Councilman Taylor moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to advertise for the position of Assessor for the Town of Geneseo, to be shared with the Town of Groveland. Motion passed unanimously.

EARLY VOTING:

Supervisor Wadsworth notified the Board that the County has made a decision to oppose the States proposal to allow early voting. This would prove to be much too costly for the Town of Geneseo to allow and, statistically, it has not been proven to increase voter turnout.

GENESEO PRODUCTIONS’ REQUEST TO SPONSOR CONCERT SERIES:

The Board reviewed the letter addressed to the Town Board from the Concert Series Committee. Supervisor Wadsworth said that in previous years the Town has contributed to this summer concert

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series in the amount of \$1000. Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilman Taylor seconded the motion to approve the donation of \$1000 to the Geneseo Concert Series Committee. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

COLTON HERRING, BOY SCOUT, SPEAKING ON STORM DRAIN PROJECT:

Colton Herring from Boy Scout Troop #70 requested approval from the Board for his storm drain project. The project entails putting medallions onto storm drains located on West Lake Road in Geneseo, in order to notify and educate people about water going into the lake. Scout Troop #70 will also be going door-to-door handing out fliers to residents on West Lake Road with the same type of information. This project is to ensure that residents are aware that all water run-off goes into the lake, and any potentially harmful materials could jeopardize the water quality in and around Conesus Lake. Troop #70 has the support and encouragement from the Conesus Lake Association, and this project is being funded and sponsored by the Association. Al Dietrich from the Conesus Lake Association expressed his gratitude and support of the project. Mr. Dietrich also stated that he did not think that the Troop would need to work with the State Highway department on the project. Colton stated that the project would likely take one day to complete, and that it is set to begin at the end of April or beginning of May. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to allow and encourage Colton and Troop #70 to manage the task of marking storm drains with stickers and distributing fliers door-to-door to residents. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

DAVID WOODS: ZONING REVISION PROJECT & FARMLAND PROTECTION GRANT UPDATE:

David Woods, Planning Board Member, spoke at the meeting regarding both the Zoning Revision Project and the Farmland Protection Grant Update.

In regard to the Zoning Revision Project contract, Mr. Woods stated that the contract is nearly complete and almost ready to be adopted. He said that Town Attorney, Jim Coniglio, is reviewing a few last things and then it will be ready for the Supervisor's signature.

Mr. Woods also updated the board on the Farmland Protection Grant/ Agricultural Protection Plan. He passed out four documents to the board members:

- Consultant Selection Committee
 - Town Board member
 - David Woods
 - Harold Stewart
 - Dan Dimpfl
- Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Advisory Committee
 - Four to six farmers (dairy and horse farmers)
 - Other agencies/persons—Town Board member, Town Planning Board member, Livingston County Planning Department (Heather Ferraro or Mary Underhill), Geneseo Valley Conservancy (Dave Bojanowski), Harold Stewart and USDA NRCS & Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County)

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- Planning Firms to Receive Request for Proposals
 - Behan Planning and Design
 - Clough Harbor & Associates
 - Steinmetz Planning Group
 - American Farmland Trust
- Request for Proposals—Planning Consulting Services---April 15, 2013
 - Submission Deadline: May 17, 2013

Mr. Woods requested that the Board accept his recommendation to release the Request for Proposals (RFP's) to the planning firms listed above. Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to release the RFP's. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

Mr. Woods also mentioned that NY State is having a training workshop Tuesday May 14, 2013 from 1:00-4:30pm and that all members of the Advisory Committee are invited and encouraged to attend. The workshop is to be held at the Soil & Water Conservation District in Auburn, NY.

CREW RECOGNITION DAY:

SUNY Geneseo Crew Recognition Day is going to be held on Sunday April 21, 2013 at Long Point Park and is to thank their supporters, including the Town Board and Larry Levey and his Highway crew.

LPPK PAVILION RENTAL REQUESTS:

The Board reviewed three LPPK pavilion requests that wished to have the fee waived. These were the following:

- Conesus Lake Association for 7/25/13
- LCCOPS for 6/15/13
- Geneseo United Methodist Church for 9/8/13

Councilwoman Irwin moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to waive the pavilion fee for the Conesus Lake Association. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to waive the pavilion fee for the LCCOPS. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to waive the pavilion fee for the Geneseo United Methodist Church. Motions were all passed unanimously. Acceptable certificates of insurance will be required.

Councilman Taylor also brought up the issue of the request for a bounce-house at one of the events at LPPK. According to a letter addressed to the Board from insurance agent Andrew Chandler, these structures are a liability for the Town of Geneseo, and would therefore require additional insurance. Mr. Taylor recommended that a section be added to the LPPK Pavilion Rental form that includes verbiage asking if a bounce-house would be used at the event. Councilman Taylor moved and Councilman Wrubel seconded the motion to update the rental form with this verbiage, to be reviewed at a future board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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STREAMBANK REMEDIATION PROJECT/UPDATE & GRAY PROPERTY UPDATE:

To date, there has been no communication indicating the start date of the Streambank Remediation grant project.

Supervisor Wadsworth wanted to make the board aware that there may be a complaint coming in from Mr. Gray with regards to the \$180 per parcel fee that the County is charging for his 21-lot residential subdivision on Stonehouse Drive. This fee is to be charged as an “inspection fee” for each parcel on the property. Supervisor Wadsworth stated that he requested that the County waive the fee since it will be a large sum, but the County was not willing to do that. Consequently, the Supervisor is anticipating that Mr. Gray may object to the Streambank Remediation Project going forward, unless the Town is willing to work with him on the inspection fee issue. Supervisor Wadsworth suggested that if this does happen, the Town may want to consider reimbursing Mr. Gray for the inspection fees so the stream bank remediation project can go forward.

WATER LOSS REQUEST:

The Board Members reviewed the loss request form for 4777 Reservoir Road and agreed that it was reasonable to allow the customer to pay for their water at wholesale. This has been the precedent for these types of requests. No motion was required.

LIMA/ELM/NORTH ROAD WATER GRANT UPDATE:

Supervisor Wadsworth announced that the grant to finance the water project on North Road/Elm Road/Lima Road was declined, and so this project is not affordable. Project is not going to happen at this time.

HIGHWAY:

Included in the meeting packet was a resignation letter from highway employee Fred Yates, effective 4/16/2013. He gave two weeks’ notice and his last date of work at the highway department will be 4/15/2013. Fred is using his unused sick time to “buy” two years of health insurance, per the highway union contract, and has also been using up his vacation and personal time prior to his last day of work. Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to accept Mr. Yates’ letter of resignation from the Town of Geneseo Highway Department. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Wrubel-aye; Irwin-aye. Nays: None.

OAK TREE HALF-MARATHON & 5K:

Supervisor Wadsworth announced that he received a letter from the Genesee Valley Conservancy about the 2013 Oak Tree Half-Marathon & 5k, to be held in town. The date will be Sunday 9/1/2013. Councilman Wrubel moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to allow the Oak Tree Half-Marathon & 5k to be held in the Town of Geneseo. Motion passed unanimously.

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WADSWORTH LIBRARY:

Supervisor Wadsworth announced that the Wadsworth Library has been awarded the 2013 Public Library of the Year by the Rochester Regional Library Council. Many Geneseo citizens wrote letters nominating the Wadsworth Library for the award. The award is going to be given on 6/6/13 at Casa Larga vineyards.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At this point in the meeting, Supervisor Wadsworth opened the floor to any other items from the community. Robert Thayer, of North Road, inquired as to why he has never been given any information on the water issues on North Road. Supervisor Wadsworth responded saying that many things have been done to bring attention to the residents of North/Lima/Elm Roads, including having people going door-to-door, spending time on the issue at Town meetings, etc. Supervisor Wadsworth took down Mr. Thayer's contact information and told him he would contact him to give him any and all background information on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:30pm Councilman Taylor moved and Councilwoman Irwin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Katie DiLaura, Secretary to the Supervisor